



# Using Pre-Marriage Investigation Files from the Archdiocese of Granada, Spain

“How to” Guide, Advanced Level: Instruction

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## GOAL

This guide will teach you how to use indexed document information to find a specific pre-marriage investigation file within the collection of *expedientes matrimoniales* of the Archdiocese of Granada, Spain, found on FamilySearch.org.

**Note: You will need to visit a FamilySearch affiliate library or center to access the record images referenced in this guide.**

## INTRODUCTION

The Catholic church records for the archdiocese of Granada, Spain located on FamilySearch.org include a large collection of *expedientes matrimoniales*, or pre-marriage investigation files. These records were created in preparation for the marriage of a couple and are treasure troves of genealogical information. Pre-marriage investigation files may contain transcripts of other documents (such as baptism records of the bride and groom), written permission from parents for the couple to marry, descriptions of how the couple were related, if applicable (sometimes including hand-drawn pedigrees), and more.

The pre-marriage information files of Granada, Spain are organized uniquely on FamilySearch.org and may require some guidance to navigate. This “How To” Guide is designed to help you learn how to explore the record set and find the file for the people you are researching.

## HOW TO

The pre-marriage investigation files of Granada, Spain, have been indexed on FamilySearch.org. Find them by going to FamilySearch.org, clicking on “Search” and then “Records” (see the following screen captures):

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## Search Historical Records

Records create a paper trail for your ancestors and can lead you to important details about their life. Enter a name, and we'll look for it in birth certificates, marriage registrations, census records, and other official documents.

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City, County, State, Province, or Court

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### Find a Collection

Your ancestor's record belongs to a collection of similar documents—Argentina Baptisms, for example, or United States Census, 1940. Searching a specific collection is one way to narrow your search. If you don't know the collection's exact title, start typing, and we'll try to help you.

Collection Title

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### Search by Place

Different regions of the world call for different research strategies. Enter a place, and we'll show you the tools and resources we have to help you discover your ancestors who lived there.

Find a Country, Province, or State

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On this page, search for “Granada” in the search bar under “Find a Collection,” located in the bottom left-hand corner. Select “Spain, Province of Granada, Catholic Pre-Marriage Investigation Files, 1556-1899” from the pop-up menu.

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You will be taken to a search page where you can search for your person of interest by name. Enter known details about the person in the search boxes and click on “search.”

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Morata

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Scan through the results page to find any options matching the description of the person you are researching. You can see more details by clicking on the document icon next to a specific result.

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Name	Events	Relationships
<b>Pedro Morata</b> Principal Spain, Province of Granada, Catholic Pre-Marriage Investigation Files, 1556-1899	<b>Marriage</b> 10 March 1845 Diocesis de Granada, Spain	<b>Spouses</b> Maria Gonzalez
<b>Pedro Josef Mariano de la Encarnacion Morata</b> Principal Spain, Province of Granada, Catholic Pre-Marriage Investigation Files, 1556-1899	<b>Marriage</b> 22 January 1825 Diocesis de Granada, Spain	<b>Spouses</b> Ana Josefa Poveda
<b>Felix Pedro Morata</b> Principal Spain, Province of Granada, Catholic Pre-Marriage Investigation Files, 1556-1899	<b>Marriage</b> 23 June 1855 Diocesis de Granada, Spain	<b>Spouses</b> Manuela Cortes
<b>Pedro de la Cassa Morate</b> Principal Spain, Province of Granada, Catholic Pre-Marriage Investigation Files, 1556-1899	<b>Marriage</b> 26 February 1663 Diocesis de Granada, Spain	<b>Spouses</b> Maria de Contreras
<b>Pedro Francisco Moroto</b> Principal Spain, Province of Granada, Catholic Pre-Marriage Investigation Files, 1556-1899	<b>Marriage</b> 2 September 1732 Diocesis de Granada, Spain	<b>Spouses</b> Salbadora Martinez

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### Pedro Josef Mariano de la Encarnacion Morata

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 "España, Provincia de Granada, expedientes de informaciones matrimoniales, 1556-1899," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XPP4-C9F?i=10> February 2018), Pedro Josef Mariano de la

**Name** Pedro Josef Mariano de la Encarnacion Morata

**Sex** Male

**Marriage Date** 22 Jan 1825

**Marriage Place** Granada, Spain

**Event Type** Marriage

**Spouse's Name** Ana Josefa Poveda

**Spouse's Sex** Female

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**Similar Records**

Pedro Josef Mariano de la Encarnacion Morata  
 Spain Marriages, 1565-1930

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Pedro Morata  
 Spain Baptisms, 1502-1940

**Pedro Josef Mariano de la Encarnacion Morata's Spouses and Children**

Ana Josefa Poveda	Wife	F
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To view the original record, you must search through the collection page-by-page (as the index is not digitally connected to the images of each document). This process is made easier by the inclusion of a packet number in the document information in the indexed records. Use the following steps to find the original document corresponding to the indexed information you have found:

1. When you have found a record that you are interested in viewing in the digital index, click on "Document Information" (below the blank box reading "Image Unavailable").



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**Similar Records**  
 Pedro Josef Mariano de la Encarnacion Morata  
 Spain Marriages, 1555-1950  
 Pedro Morata  
 Spain Baptisms, 1502-1940  
 Pedro Morata  
 Spain Baptisms, 1502-1940

**Pedro Josef Mariano de la Encarnacion Morata's Spouses and Children** CLOSE ALL

Name	Sex	Relationship
Ana Josefa Poveda	Female	Wife

**Spouse Details:**  
 Name: Pedro Josef Mariano de la Encarnacion Morata  
 Sex: Male  
 Marriage Date: 22 Jan 1825  
 Marriage Place: Granada, Spain  
 Event Type: Marriage  
 Spouse's Name: Ana Josefa Poveda  
 Spouse's Sex: Female

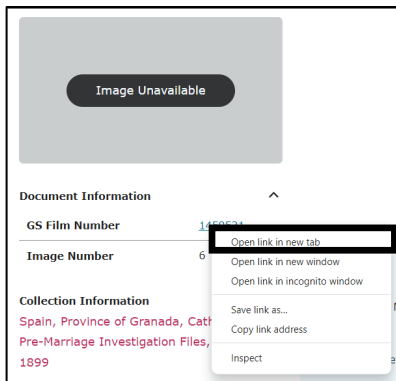
- In the document information, you will see a film number and an image number listed. The film number is the link to the collection of images in which the document you are looking for is located. The image number is NOT the image on that film where the document appears. Rather, it is the packet number based on where the pre-marriage investigation file falls in the order of the packets on the film. Take note of the information listed here (you will need it later!).

Image Unavailable

**Document Information**

<b>GS Film Number</b>	1628152
<b>Image Number</b>	73

- Right-click on the film number. In the menu that appears, select "open link in new tab."



- Return to the original tab. Click on the document image above the document information to open the images of the film listed. If this does not work, copy the GS Film Number and paste it into the film/fiche/DGS number field in the FamilySearch Catalog.

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch Catalog search page. The 'Search by:' section has tabs for 'Place', 'Surnames', 'Titles', 'Author', 'Subjects', and 'Keywords'. The 'Search for:' section has tabs for 'Call Number', 'Film/Fiche/Image Group Number (DGS)', and 'Group Number (DGS)'. The 'Call Number' tab is selected, and the number '1628152' is entered in the search field and circled. Below the search field are radio buttons for 'Availability': 'Any' (selected), 'Online', and 'Family History Center'. A 'Search' button and a 'Reset' button are at the bottom. On the right, there is a section titled 'Other Catalogs to Consider' with links to 'OCLC WorldCat' and 'ArchiveGrid'.

If a list of record types appears, select “Church Records.” Then click on the name of the collection called “Expedientes Matrimoniales” to open it (if there is already a collection called “Expedientes Matrimoniales” in blue when you conduct the search, you can select that record collection without going through the record type list).

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Search for:

Call Number

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1628152

Availability

☒ Any

☐ Online

☐ Family History Center

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- > 1600 (1)
- > 1700 (1)
- > 1800 (1)

Category

- > Birth, Marriage and Death (1)
- > Other (1)

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Expedientes matrimoniales, 1556-1859

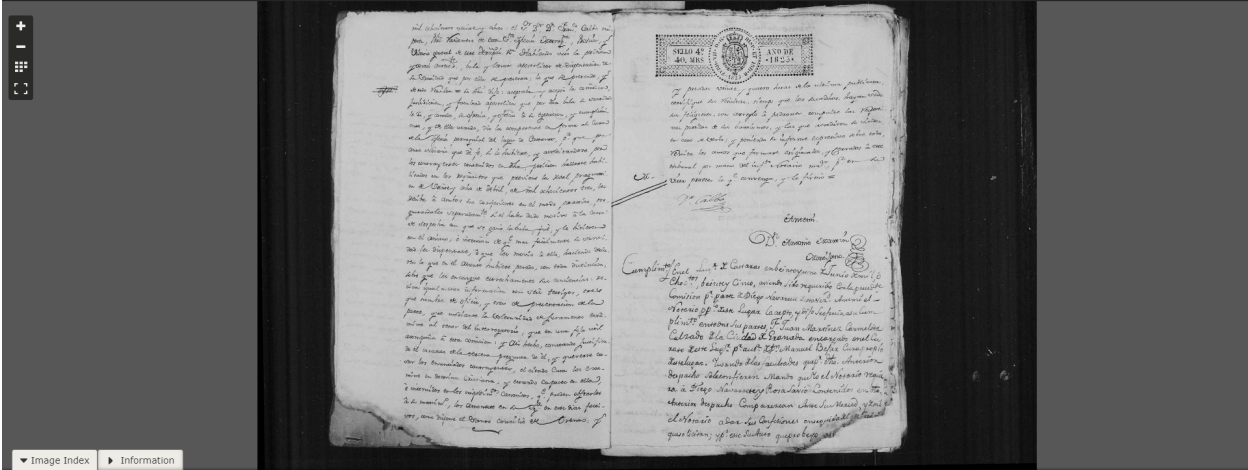
Author: Iglesia Católica. Diócesis de Granada (España)

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Click on the camera icon corresponding to the film number to open the digital image collection.

Expedientes matrimoniales 1823-1824	Family History Library	International B1 Floor Film	1628406	7816047	Q
Expedientes matrimoniales 1824	Granite Mountain Record Vault	International Film	1628407-1628410	7816048	Q
Expedientes matrimoniales 1824 (continued)	Granite Mountain Record Vault	International Film	1628408	7816049	Q
Expedientes matrimoniales 1824 (continued)	Family History Library	International B1 Floor Film	1628409	7816050	Q
Expedientes matrimoniales 1824 (continued)	Family History Library	International B1 Floor Film	1628410	7816051	Q
Expedientes matrimoniales 1824	Granite Mountain Record Vault	International Film	1628125	7816027	Q
Expedientes matrimoniales 1824-1826 (un solo expediente de 1823)	Granite Mountain Record Vault	International Film	1628126	7816028	Q
Expedientes matrimoniales 1825 (un solo expediente de 1824)	Family History Library	International B1 Floor Film	1628127	7816029	Q
Expedientes matrimoniales 1825 (un solo expediente de 1825)	Granite Mountain Record Vault	International Film	1628151	7816030	Q
Expedientes matrimoniales 1825 (un solo expediente de 1826)	Granite Mountain Record Vault	International Film	1628152	7816031	Q
Expedientes matrimoniales 1825-1826	Granite Mountain Record Vault	International Film	1628219	7816040	Q
Expedientes matrimoniales 1826	Granite Mountain Record Vault	International Film	1628220	7816041	Q
Expedientes matrimoniales 1826	Granite Mountain Record Vault	International Film	1628153	7816032	Q
Expedientes matrimoniales 1824, 1826-1827	Granite Mountain Record Vault	International Film	1628154	7816033	Q
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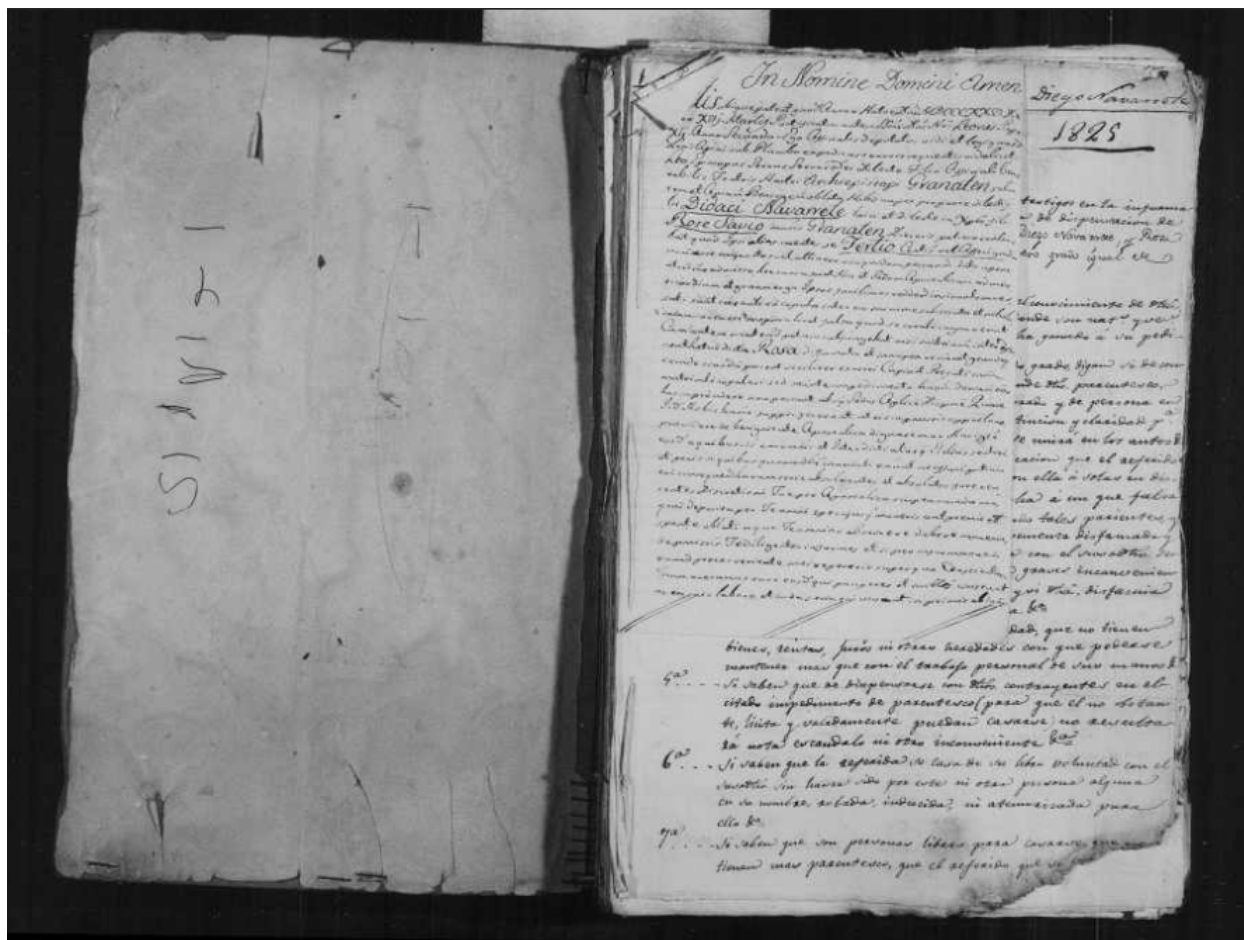
- An average pre-marriage investigation file has about 8-10 pages of content. Multiply the image number found in step 2 by 10 and advance to the image corresponding to the result (in this case, 6 x 10 = image 60).



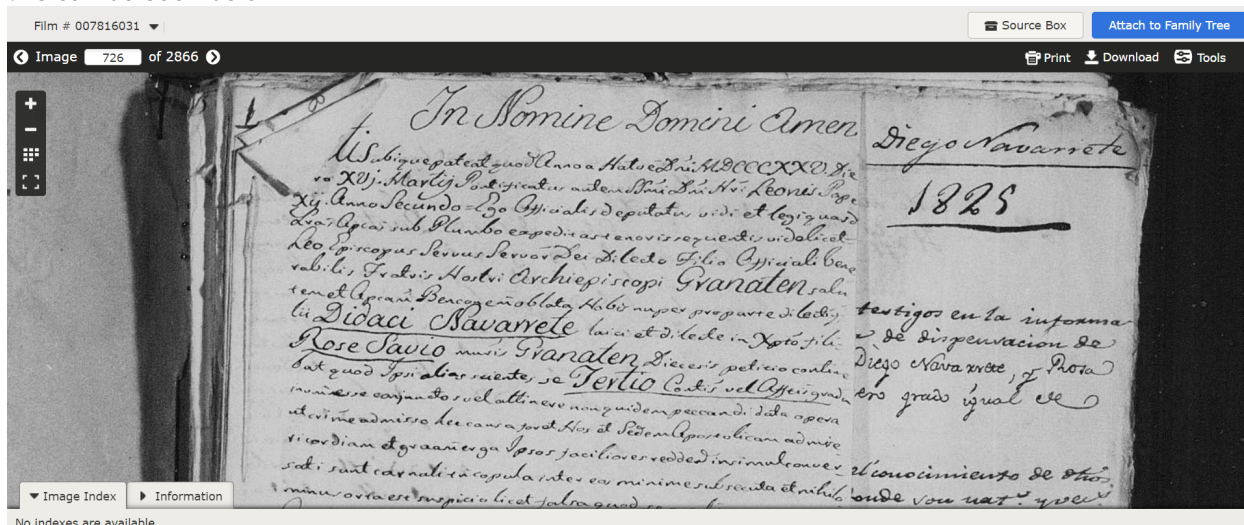
No indexes are available.

6. Click on the thumbnails icon to view the image you jumped to as well as the surrounding images. Using this view, you can more easily locate the beginning of a pre-marriage packet, which generally is a page mostly kept blank with the names of the couple being married included on it. Find the beginning of a packet and take note of the names of the couple being married.

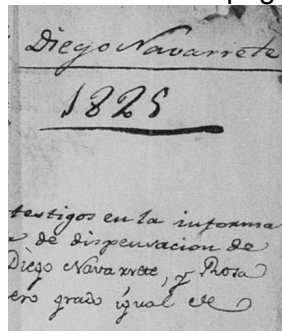




You may need to review a few of the images to determine where the packet officially begins. In this case, the packet begins on image 726. **Note: the first few pages may be written in Latin instead of Spanish.** This means that the names of the couple being married may also be latinized. An example of this can be seen below:



Notice the underlined names. While the latinized versions of the given names are Didaci and Rose, look at the name in the right-hand corner of the page!



Didacus (or Didaci in this case) is a latinized version of the name Diego. Rose is a latinized version of Rosa.

- Click on the second tab you opened. Search for the names of the couple you found in step 6, as this page allows you to search the **index** of the film you were just looking at.

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First Names	Last Names
<input type="text" value="Diego"/>	<input type="text" value="Navarrete"/>
Place	Year
<input type="text" value="City, County, State, Province, or Coui"/>	<input type="text" value="Birth or Death Year"/>
<a href="#">Q SEARCH</a>	<a href="#">MORE OPTIONS</a>

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- When you find the pre-marriage investigation file for the couple in step 6 in the index, view the document information to identify the image number assigned to their pre-marriage packet.

First Names

Last Names

**Add Life Event**

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Place ×

Year (Range)  
From  To

**Add Family Member**

SPOUSE FATHER MOTHER OTHER PERSON

Spouse's First Names ×

Spouse's Last Names

9. Based on the new image number you have found, you should know whether to advance further or go backwards in the film (for example, if the new image number is 38, but you were searching for number 52 as described above, you would need to advance further in the film to find number 52).
10. Repeat steps 6-9 until you find the couple you are looking for.